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ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: Kirbylene Stephens was a native of Wilkinson county who moved to Waycross as a child and graduated from Waycross High School in 1949. She attended Georgia Teachers College (Georgia Southern University) where she graduated with a B.S in Business Education in 1955. She started working at Georgia Southern in August 1955 as Secretary to the President and served in this position for thirty-two years. She then became coordinator of Special Projects for the President and Associate Director of Alumni Relations for five years.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of papers, photographs, and memorabilia from Kirbylene Stephens' thirty-year career at Georgia Southern University. The collection spans 1921 to 2008 and includes information on past presidents such as Zach S. Henderson, Pope A. Duncan, Dale W. Lick, and Nicholas Henry.

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Access Points:

Stephens, Kirbylene, 1932-2009

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